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CHAPTER TWO

MOVE ONWARDS TO KAILUNG
AH,
WE'RE NOT GOING TO DAKTIA BY CROSSING MICIAN?
ITS USE-LESS.
BY TOMORROW THE GATE WILL PROBABLY BE LOCKED
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW THESE KINDS OF THINGS?
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
IF YOU RECKLESSLY RUN INTO TROUBLE WITH OTHERS, EVERYTHING WILL BE REDUCED TO ASHES.

DO NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE
ANY OF THIS.

SSSSSS
SSSSSS
SHHHHH
HUFF...
UGH...
HA...

SSSSS
SHHHH

THEN...
TAKE HIM BACK!
HEH...
DIDN'T GET DEVOURED?

TAP
KEE!
SS

DONG
CRACK

CLANG
HA!

STEP
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST USELESS BRAT...
SHUT UP!
DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU, BASTARD!
YET YOU CARRY SUCH A VALUABLE POSSESSION LITTLE BOY?

SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE ACCUMU-LATED A LOT.
?!
HEH HEH.
THAT MEAN-ING YOUR WILL.
YOUR... RAGE.
THAT IN YOUR HANDS.
"MAR-CHILLIA," PSEUDO-MERCURY,
IS A MIRROR.

THAT IS TO S Y...
YOUR MIND IS FULL OF DESTRUCTION, RAGE, AND SORROW
FROM ALL THIS IS BORN A GREAT SWORD!
SHUT UP!
YOU...

STEP
...
IS THAT HIS RAGE?
HOW DAN-GER-OUS...
ALL OF YOU...
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!

AH
AH
HA
HA
HA
AH
HOW SLOW!
ALL USELESS...
LITTLE BOY!

YOU REALLY WANT TO KILL ME, DON'T YOU?
JUST LIKE WHAT I DID TO YOUR FRIENDS
CUT OFF THEIR LIMBS,
DIG OUT THEIR EYES, RIP OPEN THEIR THROATS,
YOU CAN'T WAIT TO TORTURE ME, THE HELPLESS ENEMY...
DON'T GROUP YOU AND ME—
TOGETHER?
STILL DON'T UNDER-STAND?
THE OUTCOME HAS ALREADY BEEN DETER-MINED.
HMPH

WHEN THERE'S A CONFRONTATION, THE WEAKER SIDE WILL BE DESTROYED.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS.
HUFF
HUFF
HATE ME?
SHUT UP!
?!
CHING

AH!
AHAHAHAHAHAH!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? IT'S A MIRROR!
NOW GO AND BE DEVOURED BY YOUR ANGER, AND BECOME A PUPPET WEAPON!

CHE!
DIRTY STRAY CAT...!
PA
HMPH!

COUGH
COUGH
UGH
LET ME ASK YOU ONE THING, ANCHOR
UGH!
WAH...
THOUGH IT MAY BE IN APPEARANCE ONLY YOU ARE STILL A SOLDIER,
YOU CAN'T BE ACTING ALONE..
WHO SENT YOU?
WHO CARES?!
WANT TO FIGHT MORE?
YOU TWO HAVE THE UPPER HAND
HOW ABOUT THAT?
OHHH, SCARY.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!
LET'S END HERE.
BOTH OF YOU SPENT QUITE A LOT OF ENERGY, HAVEN'T YOU?
BYE ... LITTLE BOY.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
DON'T TRY TO RUN!
JUST STOP
DON'T LET NEMALIS (GODDESS OF RAGE) DOMINATE YOU SO EASILY

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT
NOW THAT'S A WISE ADULT..
LITTLE BOY

TAKE OUT YOUR IDENTIFI-CATION, KUSABI.
THERE'S NO TIME.

I
WHY?
IF YOU MIX IT UP WITH THE CORPSES,
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL WITHOUT OTHERS KNOWING YOUR IDENTITY FOR A WHILE.
WAIT . AT LEAST BURY THEM!
DON'T.
IF YOU DO PEOPLE WILL ASSUME THERE WAS A SURVIVOR.
SINCE NOT MANY WOULD BURY ENEMY CORPSES
I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU!
TRUE, YOU CARRY MOTHER'S NECKLACE,
AND YOU SAVED MY LIFE,
BUT...
THAT BLACK HAIR...
YOU'RE DAKTIAN, AREN'T YOU?

AND?!
SO WHAT IF SHE'S ALIVE?!
WHY ABANDON ME FOR THESE THIRTEEN YEARS?!
SHE DIDN'T CARE ABOUT ME BEFORE!
YOU GIVE NO TRUST JUST BECAUSE I'M FROM THE ENEMY COUNTRY...
DO YOU USE HAIR COLOR TO JUDGE OTHERS?
BELIEVE WHAT YOU WILL,
YOUR MOTHER
YALAIYA, WILL BE NEEDED IN A FEW WEEKS.

SHE IS AT
THE CAPITAL OF DAKTIA, YAGARNAY.
YALAIYA WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED ME TO TAKE YOU THERE.
THAT WOMAN ...
IS A SOLDIER OF DAKTIA, ISN'T SHE?
YES.

TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE "MARCHLILIA."
MIRRORS
YOUR POWER IS THE SAME, RIGHT?
YES
IF I CAN LEARN TO USE IT WITH EASE, CAN I WIN?
WIN OVER THAT WOMAN?
THAT IS UP TO YOU.

...UNDER-
STOOD.
TELL ME...
YOUR
NAME.

...I REMEMBER NOW
CORPSES
SUIT THIS LANDSCAPE VERY WELL...

PROBABLY BECAUSE IT HAS BECOME SO BARREN
TAP TAP
WHAT'S WRONG?
FAYDIS

THE TIME WE LOST COMMUNICATION WITH THE TEAM STATIONED AT WINSTON WAS...
YESTERDAY AT 17:10.
THE TIMING SEEMS WRONG.
BUT,
THE TIME WHEN THE MILIATRY REPORTED THAT WINSTON HAD BEEN INVADED...
YESTERDAY AT 17:08.14.
THERE'S A TWO MINUTE GAP, AND...
THAT'S TOO FAST.
I HOPE THIS IS JUST A SIMPLE RECORDING ERROR...
THEN LET ME CONFIRM THIS ISSUE QUICKLY.
I'LL CHECK THE COMMUNICATION ROUTE OF THE ARMY
THANK YOU
DO SO WITH Λ7 (TOP SECRET)

THIS IS ALL A SCHEME OF THE MILITARY!
DAMN IT!
THIS CAN BECOME A FUSE FOR WAR.
EITHER WAY,
AT THE WORST, THIS HAS ALREADY BEEN PLANNED...
OR IS DAKTIA PURPOSELY LEEKING INFORMATION?
GATHERING INTEL BEFORE LETTING THEM INVADE,
SOME PEOPLE...
WANT TO START A WAR...
I DON'T THINK I GAVE YOU PERMISSION TO ACT ALONE, LI KARWAY...
TAP
TAP
...THIS ONLY INCREASES UNNECESSARY DEATHS.

HOW NAGGY. THOSE RICH BRATS AT THE TOP
GAINED QUITE A LOT FROM THIS,
AND I MET A RARE PERSON.
THE TRAITOR
ANCHOR LAGUERS
AND YOU FOUGHT HIM?
IS THAT SO?
THAT HATEFUL MONSTER,
TO WHAT EXTENT DOES HE WANT TO BETRAY HIS HOMELAND?!

WHAT?! 300 MARS?
HEY! NOT ONLY ARE THERE ONLY 8 OF THEM, BUT IT'S INFLATED TO TEN TIMES OF ITS ORIGINAL VALUE IN ONLY ONE MONTH?
OKAY, OKAY, CALM DOWN, STALLOHIDE!
WE'VE BEEN TRADING SINCE THE LAST GENERATION, SO OF COURSE I WANT TO SELL IT TO YOU.
BUT I CAN'T GET ANY STOCKS.
SHORTAGE, OF COURSE, MEANS INFLATION.
UNDERSTAND? STALLOHIDE?
HONESTLY ...
I ALSO HEARD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS PURCHASING IT AS WELL ...

KAILON HERE IS A CITY OF TECHNICAL CRAFTS
MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GOING TO MICIAN FOR THE MILITARY.
BECOMING AN INDEPENDENT CRAFTSMAN TAKES TIME,
AND THE INCOME IS UNSTABLE AS WELL.
THAT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE
THEY REALLY WANT TO FIGHT, HUH...?
DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL FEEL HAPPY ABOUT THAT.
SEEING AS IT'S MADE SO INTRI-CATELY,
IT MUST BE VERY WELL SUITED FOR GRINDING GUNS.

BE IT NOW OR IN THE PAST,
WAR MONEY IS THE EASIEST TO MAKE.

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